PLAYING THE SAME OLD GAME.

State Senators Inaugurate Another Raid on the Treasury.

A CLERK FOR EVERY MEMBER.

Eleven Men Oppose the Grab-Watson Elected Speaker of the House by a Good Majority-Democrats in Caucus.

Proceedings of the Senate.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.- [Special Telegram to THE HEE. |-At 12 o'clock Lieutenant Governor Shedd took the chair as president of the senate, and called that body to order. He said: The senate will please come to order, and Rev. J. G. Tate will offer prayer.

After prayer Mr. Norval moved, and the motion was carried, that Mr. Seeley, Mr. Easterday and Mr. Roberts act as temporary chief clerk and assistant clerks of the Mr. Lindsay moved that a committee of

five be appointed on credentials. The president appointed the following as such committee: Lindsay, Norval, Pope, Burton and Paxton. On motion of Mr. Pickett the senate took a recess of fifteen minutes, pending the de-

that time the committ ee reported the followthat time the committee reported the following as members-elect of the senate:
Beardsiey, Burton, Conner, Cornell, Dern,
Funck, Gallogly, Hoover, Howe, Hurd,
Ijams, Jewett, Keckley, Linn, Lindsay,
Maher, Manning, Nesbitt, Norval, Paulsen,
Paxton, Pickett, Polk, Pope, Ransom, Raymond, Robinson, Roche, Shanner, Sutherland,
Taggart, Wetheraild, Wolbach.
Mr. Norbitt, moved that a committee of

liberation of the committee. At the end of

Nesbitt moved that a committee of three be appointed to meet the chief justice and request him to administer the oath of office to the senators. The chair appointed Messrs. Nesbitt, Taggart and Wolbach such

committee. The committee returned with Judge Cobb, who administered the eath to the senators in a body. Mr. Pickett moved that Church Howe be nominated for president pro tem of the sen-ate. Mr. Ijams moved that Mr. Wolbach be nominated to that office. The vote resulted in 27 for Mr. Howe and 6 for Mr. Wolbach, among the latter being Mr. Howe.

Mr. Pickett nominated the gentlemen al-ready named for officers of the senate, Messrs. Seeley, Easterday and Roberts for chief clerk and his assistants. They were unanimously elected.

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The following were nominated as clerks of the committees: H. M. Wells, clerk of the committee of the whole; E. C. Parkinson, of Seward county, sergeant-at-arms; S. G. Bryant, of Saunders, assistant sergeant-at arms; Rev. J. G. Tate, of Buffalo, chaplain of the senate; E. S. Gillespie, of Cherry, doorkeeper; Mrs. L. M. Hayes, of Douglas, enrolling clerk; Miss Ada Olmstead, of Seward county, engrossing clerk; M. E. Getter, Valley county, postmaster.

Mr. Pickett moved that assistant post-masters, assistant bookkeepers, and the pages be appointed by the incoming lieutenit governor. Mr. Pickett moved that each senator be

entitled to one clerk. General Conner did not think he could support this proposition. He did not wish to be penurious, but some of the committees, like that on federal relations—and there are others of the same kind—have no earthly use

for a clerk. Why not look the thing squarely in the face, and say that these committees are not entitled to clerks! We cannot take the responsibility of appointing clerks to such ing resolution of that kind is not proper. Mr. Ransom believed that every member here, whether he is chairman of an important committee or not, is entitled to a clerk. Here-tofore the senate has consumed more time in coming to a conclusion than it would cost to give the senators clerks. It will be cheape

to decide the matter at once and finish up the business. We can control the number of clerks to be employed, outside of committees. Mr. Beardsley said he saw four years ago a gooddeal of practical corruption in this matter. One hundred and twenty clerks were hired two years ago. It will save some thousands

of dollars to stop this leak. Mr. Linn—Those present two years ago re member how the flood gates were opened. It is a singular way to encourage economy to appoint a clerk to each senator. The way to stop this extravagance is to begin right now Mr. Shedd suggested that it would be necessary to stop what has prevailed in every When a senator had a friend wh did not get a regular place, he would intro-duce a resolution manufacturing some nom-

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 23 yeas and 11 nays, as follows: YEAS.

inal position for him, and getting his name

Beardsley, Burton, Hoover, Gallogby, Howe, Hurd. ljams, Nesbitt, Norvai. Paulsen, Pickett, Paxton, Pope, Raymond, Ransom. Raibnson Wetherald Taggart,

Dern, Keckley, Conner, Jewett. Maher, Shanner. Sutherland, Mr. Pickett moved a committee to report

the membership of standing committees of the senate. The following were appointed: Norval, Ransom. Howe, Taggart, Benton, Sutherland, and Cornell.

A committee of five was, on motion, appointed to draft rules to govern the business

of the senate, as follows: Norval, Nesbitt, Pickett, Howe and Wetherald. Messrs. Linn, Hurd and Ijams were ap pointed a committee to wait on the secretar of state and to procure his services in ad

ministering the oath to the employes, and the employes were sworn in.
The senate adjourned to half past 3, p. m

Watson is Elected Speaker.

Lancoux, Neb., Jan. 1 .- | Special Telegran to Tus BEE.]-Promptly at 12 o'clock Gilbert Laws, secretary of state, called the house to order and directed Brad Slaughter to call the roll.

Baker moved that Cady be elected temporary speaker, and he was escorted to the chair by Baker and Olmstead. Cady predicted a pleasant session, and appointed Caldwell, Christy, Gilebrist, Brink of Boone, and White of Cass, a committee on credentinis. The house took a recess until 3

At that hour it reconvened with Cady in the chair, the committee on credentials ported all the members present except Wells of Dawson. Chief Justice Reese then stepped forward and administered the oath to members. After some preliminary matters members. After some preliminary matters were disposed of the election of a speaker and other permanent officers followed. Caldwell put Watsen in nomination and Gardner, of Douglas, named Frank White, of Plattsmouth. The vote stood 76 for Watson and 18 for White. Coleman, of Polk, the union labor member, voted for Watson, so did White. Eric Johnson, who was excluded from the caucus, hist evening, explained his from the caucus, hist evening, explained his vote, deploring the partisan spirit that ruled him out, and was loudly cheered as he announced his vote for Watson. Lash, the prohibition democrat from Nemaha, also voted for the republican candidate. Watson voted for Demoster.

Voted for Dempster. Horne, Olmstead and Dempster were apprinted a committee to escort the speaker-elect to the chair. On assuming the duties of his position, Speaker Wattsen said: "Gentlemen of the house of representa-tives, as you have elected me your speaker, and not your orator, I will set you a good ex-

ample by making but a short speech. I thank you, and fully appreciate the honor which you have conferred upon me, and I am satisfied that your conduct will make my task an easy and pleasant one. I await your further pleasure." Brad Slaughter and Tom Cook were then elected chief clerk and first assistant clerk, and Barnard, of Pawnee, second assistant clerk; Nettle Wortham, of Pawnee, was elected enrolling clerk; Mrs. Jennie Holland, engrossing clerk, and key, Dillon, chaplain. The house then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Monday Night's Caucus.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1 .- [Special to THE BEE. | - The house caucus last evening, while carried on in a good-natured spirit, was excoedingly animated. Neither side was confident of victory, and the champions of the leading contestants flitted back and forth, encouraging the doubtful members. At 5 o'clock the friends of Mr. Dempster rallied in full force and claimed with the utmost confidence he would be nominated on the first ballot. Consternation reigned for a while in the Watson camp, and the generalship of Schminke, Wilson and other friends of Watson began to manifest itself. The first defection from the Dempster forces came from Ctay, Christy and Bortis, of that county, near neighbors of Dempster, went over to Watson. What influenced them to make this change, so decidedly unexpected by the friends of Dempster. is a profound mystery. The support of the more radical submissionists, like Coleman of Antelope, had been considered a foregone conclusion by the friends of Dempster, but an understanding of some kind was affected which transformed a number of North Platte submissionists from friends of Dempster into ardent supporters of Watson.

The result will probably place Coleman at the head of the committee on constitutional amendments, which will have charge of the question of submission. Dempster's friends filed into the parlors of the Capitol hotel promptly at 8, but word went forth from Watson's headquarters that all of his friends were to assemble there and march in a body to the cancus. Only thirty-four or five members were found to be present on a count of noses, and nearly two hours were consumed before the requisite number could be obtained. Oin stead and Cady went over to Watson early in the evening and their rooms were deserted. Captain Payno, the veteran Lincoin lobbyist, stood guard at the Watson thershold and carefully excluded every doubtful character or party whom he sus picioned might act the spy. Potter, of Buf-falo, who was pledged to Dempster, was sick fallo, who was pledged to Dempster, was sick and declined to leave his room, but was finally brought into Watson's camp. The vote in caucus stood as follows: For Dempster, Yutzy, Fenton, Weller, of Richardson; Berry, of Pawnee; Robb, Corbin, of Johnson; Everetts, of Burt; Whitford, of Dixon; Hall, of Lancaster; Williams, of Gage; Diller of Jefferson; Truesdell, of Thayer: ler, of Jefferson; Truesdell, of Thayer; Baker, of Jefferson; Ballard, of Fillmore; Gilbert and Hayes, of York; Scoville and Farley, of Hamilton; Hanthorn, of Nuckolls; Hampton, of Webster; Denman and Hooper, of Hall; Whitehead and Sargent, of Custer; Bailey, of Franklin; Elliott, of Harlan; Abrahamson, of Kearney; Duan, of Saline. Those voting for Watson were: Rhodes,

Those voting for Watson were: Rhodes, Pawnee; Majors, Nemaha; Satchell, Cass; Berlin, Douglas; Harding, Burt; Towle, Knox; Coleman, Antelope; Brink, Boone; Stirk, Madison; Shepherd, Weber, Saunders; Hill, Butler; Reed, Beckman, Seward; Caldwell, Dickinson, Severin, McBride, Lancaster; Bahacek, Saline; Hill, Whyman, McNickle, Gage; Sweet, Merrick; Christy, Bartis, Clay; Olmstead, Hahn, Adams: Denman, Hall; Cady, Howard; Hanna, Greeley; Hunter, Bisbee, Holt; Winter, Brown; Burnham, Cherry; Gilchrist, Bex Butte; St. Rayner, Cheyenne; Westover, Valley; Fuller, Sherman; Potter, Buffalo; Lee, Furnas; Wilcox, Red Willow; Cruzen, Frontier; Wilcox, Red Willow; Cruzen, Frontie Meeker, Chase; Fieldgrove, Buffalo; Wells.

Horne of Otoe, failed to reach the city and consequently did not take part in the caucus. The members who were counted as friends of Dempster who finally voted for Watson, and thereby insured his nomination, were Beckman and Reed of Seward, Bisbee of Holt, Bartis and Christy of Clay, Fieldgrove and Potter of Buffalo, Harding of Burt, Rhodes of Pawace, and Stark of Madison. It was a close and exciting contest and one long to be remembered.

Yesterday's Caucus.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The republican caucus reconvened in the assembly chambers at the state house at 10:45 this morning, with Hon. B. S. Baker in the chair. Brad Slaughter and Tom Cooke were chosen for clerk and first assistant by acclamation. The nomination for chaplain called forth a surprising display of eloquence. S. P. Dillon, of Sherman, received 27 votes on the fifst ballot, 31 on the second, and the rules were suspended and his nomination made unanimous. Time prevented further nominations, and the caucus adjourned until 2 o'clock. At that time it reassembled and finished its work by nominating R. M. Aiken, of Nuckolls, for sergeant-at-arms. The speaker was empow ered to fill the other offices by appointment, and the caucus adjourned. Watson is receiving congratulations on all

sides over his successful canvass for the speakership.

For President of the Senate. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The democrats of the senate held a caucus this morning, and nominated Mr. S. M. Wolbach, of Grand Island, as their candidate for president of that body. Mr. Wolbach is a gentleman of considerable legisla tive experience. He was a member of the

lower house four years ago, and two years ago he was a member of the senate to which he has been re-elected. He will vote for Mr. Seeley for chief clerk. Scheming for a New Road.

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 1. - Special Telegram to The Beg. |-This morning a committee consisting of A. U. Morris, J. J. McCafferty, and P. Fahy went to Sioux City for the pur pose of conferring with McLean concerning the extension of the Sioux City & Ogden railroad to this place. O'Neill is watching the corners closely, and proposes to catch all there is to get in the railroad line. Omaha should bestir herself or the Corn Palace city will scoop her in north Nebraska.

Ball Game at O'Noill. O'NELL, Neb., Jan. 1 .- | Special Telegram to Tue Ben . - A ball game between two home clubs was among the amusements o New Year's day. A large crowd witnessed

Disappearance of a New York Broker. NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- Charles P. Chapin, of the coffee firm of Williams, Chapin & Russell, notified the police yesterday of the disappearance of his half-brother, Charles H Chapin. The missing man registered at the Ashland house on Saturday night. Early on Sunday morning he left the hotel and noth ing more was heard of him. The missing man is a member of the Lotus club and of the stock exchange. He has been suffering from nervous prostration.

The Tallest Chimney in America. New York, Jan, 1 .- The tallest chimney in America was put into service yesterday at the Kearney mills of the Clark Thread com pany. It is 335 feet high, and its bore narrow: from fifteen feet at the bottom to eleven feet at the top. The chimney developed such a roaring draft that a man could not stand up-right in the six-and-a-half foot flues leading

Vessels Lost During 1888. St. John, N. B., Jan. 1 .- During the year 1888, forty vessels of 17,348 tons, wholly or partially owned in St. John, have been swept out of existence. Their value is esti-

mated at \$550,000.

A FEARFUL CONFLAGRATION.

Richardson Drug Company Buildings Destroyed at St. Louis.

WIPED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

The Flames Consume the Great Structures in Less Than an Hour-Scenes of the Wildest Excitement.

Gone Up In Smoke. Sr. Louis, Jan. 1 .- The immense six-story brick block of the Richardson Drug company on the northeast corner of Fourth street and Clark avenue, was reduced to ruins in forty minutes after 2 o'clock this morning. The building fronted 120 feet on Fourth street and ran back to Clark avenue 200 feet to a private alley, and back of this was a three-story warehouse used by the firm to store explosives and highly combustible goods and oils. The fire was discovered at 2:20 a. m. and a general alarm was turned n. So fierce was the fire that five minutes

after the alarm was turned in the buildings across the street was smoking and ready to burn. Every few minutes a terrible explosion would detonate throughout the building. The entire six floors were filled with combustible goods, a great portion of the stock being extremely inflammable. The fire seemed to get an early hold on the third loor. As the flowing oils dripped through the first two stories the fountain of fire played from the basement clear to the roof, defying all efforts to check it. Not enough lines of hose could have been laid around the building to have saved it, so speedy was the spread of the fire, and the few firemen who were forced one or two at a line to brave the awful heat, had but a dozen streams to combat half a dozen acres of blazing oils, molten iron and flaming glass. It was an awful sight from the first two minutes after discovery until 3 o'clock, when the building collapsed and

there was nothing more to burn.

The building was erected several years ago at a cost of \$150,000. The Richardson Drug company was one of the largest wholesale drug houses in the country. Buildings in close proximity to the fire were scorched. The Enter house, near the scene, occupied by boarders, had a panic. The screams of frightened men and women rushing to and fre from room to room after their friends, created much terror. Finally the firemen

rescued all the occupants. One scene of great excitement was in the livery stable of Scott & Lynch, which is in the rear of the drug building. When the stable was suddenly lighted up by the flames from the burning building the horses became panie-stricken and it was with much difficulty they were taken out.

At 2:50 the most exciting epoch of the fire occurred, when several ex-plosions of benzine and explosive drugs occurred, almost simultaneously with the falling and crashing of the southeast corner of the building, endangering the life of all firemen on that portion of the work. The heavy cornices and coping stones on the top story began to crack, and the firemen had only time to escape from danger when, with a sudden crash, that portion of the building fell, throwing burning fragments across Clark avenue, and setting fire to a bakery opposite. A two-story brick and ad-joining buildings on the southwest corner of Fourth street and Clark avenue were in flames, covering the entire intersection of the street with smoke and flames.

It was expected that a panic would occur in the Southern hotel, which is within half a quare of the drug building, but the guests came down to the corridors and sidewalks and to the windows of their rooms to watch Cliff Richardson manager of the con

gives the value of the stock on hand at about \$675,000 and an insurance of \$550,000. The buildings occupied were valued at \$200,000. The origin of the fire is not known. Andrew Geroghty, night watchman in the Richardson drug house, has been missing since the fire, and it is believed he perished n the burned building.

THE ANASCHISTS.

Mayor Roche Has no Desire to Act lilegally.

Cutcago, Jan. 1.-In view of the decision rendered vesterday in the matter of the anplication of the anarchist organization, known as the Arbeiter bund, in which Master in Chancery Windes declined to recommend an injunction restraining the police from interfering with its gatherings, although suggesting that one might not improperly be granted by nigher authority, Mayor Roche to-day sent a letter of instructions to the police department, in which he said: "I have instructed corporation

counsel to convey to the court the idea that if the court believes, under the evidence, that the Arbeiter bund has a legal and lawful right to hold public meetings, we wish the court to so declare; and if the officers of the city have been exrcising unusual authority they should be so advised, as I or they do not intend to act il-legally or deprive any person of his rights upon a mere technicality. We do not propose, under any circumstances, to deprive any class of citizens of their constitutional rights, but the police department must nec essarily be governed by experiences. It is your duty to inquire, if you believe a man is about to commit a criminal offense, and take steps to prevent such act. We do not desire to again experience difficulties ike those we have had in the past. We must notoffer encouragement to such meetings and such proceedings as the supreme court of this state has said led up to the Haymarket riot and its unfortunate circumstances, and t is to be hoped that the courts will draw the line in a definite way, so that we may have instructions, and if we have not sufficient authority under the existing laws, the responsibility must rest with others and not with us.

Just a Little Irregularity. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Texas seems to have some absent-minded officials. Cierk Clark, of the house, has received from the governor certificates of election of eleven representatives who are entitled to seats in the Fifty-first congress. The certificates were all duly signed and sealed, but not a single one of them was dated. They will be sent back to hem was dated. They will be state respect, the governor for correction in this respect, It doesn't make much difference to the domi-nant party in Texas about the date on which the farce of an election is gone through, but the house requires some formalities in making up its roll of membership, and the date of the supposed election is required to be

given. Want the Fight in Texas. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 1 .- Messrs. Bradley, cLean and Mentors, leaders of the sporting fraternity of Et Paso, have posted a letter to the backers of Sullivan and Kilrain offering

them a purse of \$10,000 as an inducement to have the proposed fight at El Paso. They guarantee them protection. Killed By His Brother-in-Law. NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- Early this morning Machael Crow, a plasterer, was stabbed in the left breast during an altercation with his brother-in-law, and died soon after. Crow's assailant escaped at the time, but was subse-

quently arrested. Caught a Shovel-Nose Shark. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan 1 .- A man-eating shark, twelve feet long and nine feet in circumference, weighing 1,500 pounds, has been caught in Ipswich bay. It is of the shovelnose variety, very uncomon in northern

HARRISON'S VISITORS. No Politicians Among Them-The Re-

reption.
ISDIANOPOLIS, Jan. L.—General Harrison had no political visitors to-day. Senator Blair, from New Hampshire, arrived to-day and called upon the president-elect this even-

ing. He is here on a lecturing tour. The most notable receptions this afternoon were those held m.t. the residences of General Harrison and Hon. John C. New, and at the New Denison hotel to-night. The handsome parlors of the Harrison residence were decorated with flowers and plants. Mrs. Harrison was assisted by her daughter and Mrs. J. R. Mc-Kee, Mis. James Bradshaw, Mrs. Edward McKee, Miss Lina McKee, Miss Newcomer and Miss Riley, of Harris-Miss Newcomer and Miss Kiley, of Harrisburg, Pa. General Harrison received with the ladies, and Russell B. Harrison participated for a time in the recention. Both the general and his son wore Prince Alberts. The reception throughout was, as the notice stated, entirely informal. A large portion of the callers were workingmen and their wives. All the guests were invited to partake of a little lunch. were invited to partake of a little lunch. Mrs. McKee presided at the bandsome table spread in the dining room, and assisted by her cousin, Miss Newcomer, sne refreshed he guests with tiny caps of coffee, tea and

Porter, and other resident people of dis-inction were among the callers: also a large number of clergymen of all denominations. It is impossible to state how many callers passed through the Harrison parlors during the six hours, but the stream was a constant one, and a moderate estimate places he number at nearly 2,000.

General Lew Waltace, ex-Governor A. G.

The most brilliant reception, however, was that held at the New Denison hotel to night, between the hours of 8:30 and 11, by Mrs. E. B. Martindale, Mrs. Henry Cilley, Mrs. S. F. Robinson and others.

HELD IN HIS POWER.

Peculiar Magnetic Influence Which Controls a Young Lady.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 1 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE |- A very peculiar case of what seems to be magnetic influence has turned up on the south side. The victim is Miss Christian Hamberger, a pretty young woman about twenty-seven years of age. She seems to be under the influence of a young man to such an extent that, although she thoroughly detests him, she is compelled to obey his will completely. Miss Hamberger told the story in a plain, straight-forward way, and so simple that the truthfulness of her statement could not be doubted. "One night, about 9 years ago," she said, "I went to a party with several other young ladies. While there I was introduced to a young man, who was very pleasant and quite attached to me. I was very favorably impressed with him and we spent some time very enjoyably in conversation. During the evening he gave me a drink of something which he said was cider. I drank it, and from that moment I have been under his influence. I

noment I have been under his influence. I learned that it was no delusion. Hewas con scious of his power over me. Some years ago he married the daughter of a well-known south side citizen. I read somewher that the Spaniards of Mexico were adepts in the the spaniards of Mexico were adepts in the treatment of similar cases, and at once packed a trunk and started for Mexico City. While in Mexico I experienced several strange and alarming manifestations of the power that was over me. I would hear my tormentor calling me by name and threatening me with all sorts of dire punishments. In hopes of escaping I went to Havana. While in Cuba, something indefinable, very much akin to animal magnetism, took possession of me and I went into a sort of hypnotic trance. While in this state the voice of my old-time lover came again and called me home, telling me he would marry ne and would be kind to me. I did no know that he was married at the time, and believing he would do as he said I came home only to be scorned. I have placed my case in the hands of Agent Dean, of the Anti Cruelty society, and if there is any relief to be had through the courts I will get it." The case is certainly very peculiar, and will form an interesting study to students of

psychological phenomena. HIS MILLINER'S BILL.

A St. Paul Man Asked to Pay \$6,000

For Wounded Affections. St. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 1.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE.]-Charles R. Funk, a well-known young ousiness man of this city, is celebrating New Year's day in the role of defendant in a breach of promise guit brought by Miss Sophia Langenbach, a young and beautiful milliner giri, who wants \$6,000 to repair the damages caused by the loss of her lover's affections. She says he called often to see her and the friendship formed ripened into an intimacy that led him on August 14, 1887, to spread his heart at her feet and asl her to become his wife. Her answer was a modest yes. But he changed his mind, and she lays her social and financial damage at \$5,000. Funk is very well known about the city and is apparently a good business man, having managed to lay by some \$10,000 in the last few years. Sophia Langenbach, the plaintiff, is a handsome brunette. She has a ine figure, large dark eyes, full of sparkle and a manner that conveys the impression of

a large amount of personal magnetism. Grant Assumes the Mayoralty. NEW YORK, Jan. 1 .- At 12 o'clock to-day the new mayor, Hugh J. Grant, was led to his desk in the city hall by Hon. Abram S. Hewitt. For more than an hour previous the city hall was filled by a throng to witness the ceremony of the incoming mayor's induction to office. Mr. Hewitt said:

"According to law, the hour of 12 o'clock this day brings my official duties to an end, and yours, as mayor, begin. I can only say that if you have half the pleasure in taking up these duties that I have in laying them down you must be a very happy man. I wish you every happiness in your administration.,' Then turning to the assemblage, Mayor Hewitt continued: "Gentlemen, I introdu to you the mayor of the city of New York and then walked out of the building.

Mackay the Comedian Disappears. New York, Jan. 1 .- A rumor was spread n dramatic circles last night that John A Mackay, the comedian, had disappeared. He was to have appeared in the Orange opera house to night in Leonard Grov-er's new play, "The Noble Son," under the management of Manager Berliner. But the latter resolved. But the latter received a note, undoubtedly in Mackay's handwriting, in which the acto declared he was crazy and had gone to a hospital. He concluded by saying, "Good bye, old fellow; you'll never see me again.' Inquiry was made at his house and his vari ous haunts and at the hospitals, but no trace of him could be found.

Hotel Burned. Sr. Louis, Jan 1 .- Between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in Seeler's hotel where some twenty-five or thirty people were, and a scene of great excitement ensued during which three women jumped from the third story window. Mary West received such injuries that she died, and the two other women were severely hurt. The loss by the

fire is small. Gotham's Foundlings. New York, Jan. 1 .- The police gathered in 167 foundlings in 1888. Of these sixty-seven were girls. Two were colored. One was left in a fourth avenue horse car, one on the Brooklyn bridge, and another in the South Ferry waiting room. Two were abandoned in Battery park and a dozen in Central park.

Four Months' Imprisonment. DUBLIN. Jan. 1 .- John Finucane, national ist member of parliament for East Limerick, charged with inciting tenants to intimidation. sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

HARRISON IS IN NO HURRY.

The Cabinet Not to Be Announced Till Late in February.

THE SUPREME COURT BEHIND.

Cases on the Docket That Will Not Be Reached For Years-The White House Reception.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMARA BRE.) 513 FOURTEESTA STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.

A private letter was received here, yester day, from General Harrison, in which he in formed the friends to whom it was written. that his cabinet would not be announced until the latter part of February, and not more than two weeks prior to his inauguration, and that he would not finally decide upon any man until very near that date. THE SUPREME COURT GLUT.

Business before the supreme court of the United States, is getting alarmingly behind hand. Unless some remedy is found by congress it will soon be next to an impossibility to reach a case at all without its advancement or special preferment. To-day, Clerk Bell, while at work in his office, talked to THE BEE correspondent about the condition of the supreme court calendar, and the remedies proposed by congress, and the justices, and the bar associations, for its relief. It seems almost beyond hope said he, "to expect relief while there is the least trouble about getting a party measure through congress, for although there is no politics in judicial questions. tions, the house and senate invariably divide upon propositions to enlarge the bench, or to clear up the calendar by any means whatever. There are now on the docket 1,463 cases. The court has reached fifty since the beginning of the term, and it may reach 300

altogether before it adjourns in May."
"How rapidly are cases accumulating on the docket? "At the close of the October term of 1886. two years ago, there were on the docket 900 ses, 496 being docketed during the term. there were disposed of 451 cases during the erm. A year later there were docketed durterm. ing the term 482 cases, and 419 were disposed of, but the total undisposed of at the end of the term aggregated 1,013." "How many cases are disposed of on the average at each session?"

"Probably 450; the average above that number placed on the docket may be 200 each year. The cases called on the 20th of December last were docketed on the 17th of October, 1885—more than three years ago."
"What remedy is proposed by the justices

or lawyers!" The bill introduced by Senator David Davis shortly after he left the bench for the senate was the best bill that has been proposed. seems at least it is the only proposition that has been seriously considered by congress and endorsed by the bench. It passed the senate once and would have passed the house had that body been republican. Now that both houses and the president are to be of the same political faith something may be done. The Davis bill, as originally introduced, proposes eighteen additional circuit judges, and to raise the minimum limit of money involved, to \$10,000. Another proposition has been made, but has never been seriously con-sidered, in the form of a patent court of appeals. That would relieve the supreme court of the patent cases, and therefore much of its time consuming work. George Ticknor Curtis first suggested this and it is a good idea. The Chicago bar association proposes a supreme court composed of twenty-one justices, but the Davis bill, it is believed around here, meets with the most favor, Justice Miller says the district judgeships should be abolished and the circuit judge ships increased. He endorses the Davis bill.

THE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

the New Year's reception at the white house

which varied materially from the usual. Not

more than half as many office-holders were

There was but one noticeable feature in

present as has been customary. When the men and women started to the executive mansion at 1 o'clock, they with unanimity "Let's go over and bid Grover bye." There was consequently more or less of sadness connected with the white house reception. A more charming day could not be imagined. There was a rain yesterday which washed the streets clean. Early this morning the sun came out bright, warm and full. It was so warm at noon that men and women went about without overcoats and wraps. All interest, of course, centered at the executive mansion, and the erowd, which tproved as large as usual, as-sembled early. The long, red-striped awn-ing was up, and there was the usual string of carriages and the long line of citizens on foot, but there were few smiles and little genuine happiness. No one spoke above a whisper, it was a funeral. The absence af those thousands of office holders who usually come to pay tribute to their chief, was noticeable on every hand. The army and navy officers and the members of the foreign legations were there in force. It was their were there in force. It was their duty. During the early arrivals something of a sensation was created when the German minister came. He dashed through the gates, and his chasseur jumped to the ground and opened the door of the car-riage for Count Darco, who with his cont and great gold lace, hurried to assist the Countess Leopoldine Darco to alight. Some people thought it was a British minister, and spoke of Lord Sackville's successor. There were more flowers, palms and ferns than customary inside the white house, and the Marine band led by Prof. Soussa, furnished its choicest music, as if to give the president and his fai wife a parting blessing on the occasion of

their last public reception. But there was something lacking to make the day what it has always been. After the reception at the white house, the doors to private residences, were thrown open and almost everybody called upon their friends. Mrs. Senator Manderson was as-sisted by her mother and Mrs. Etta Mander son, of Nebraska, at the Portland. They were paid special tribute by the Nebraska

people in the city.

The ladies of the junior senator from Nebraska did not receive. Mrs. Paddock, her daughter, and Miss Claire Rustin, guests of Mrs. Paddock, Mrs. J. F. Olmstead and cousin, and Miss Olmstead, of Rochester, and Mr. Weld, of Boston, formed a pleasant party, which on the invitation of Mrs. Paddock went down to Annapolis yesterday to attend the annual New Year's ball gives last evening by the cadets at the naval acad

Miss Nellie Rosewater of Omaha, received with friends on Capitol Hill, and was honored by many old and new friends. The board of inquiry, which has been sit

ting at the war department, to investigate the alleged negligence of the engineer and the officers in charge of the new waterworks tunnel at Washingt n, has adjourned until the 15th of January, in order to permit the evidence to be printed, and will then meet to make up their verdict. It is the prevailing opinion among the officers at the war department, that the finding of the board will be very severe on Major Lydecker, of the engineer corps, and that it will be followed by a court martial. The trouble with Major Lydecker appears to have been that he was so absorbed with his social duties that he left the inspection of the work on the tunnel entirely to his subordinates, and during the several years that he has been in charge of the work he has visited it only four times,

LENIENT WITH MORMONS.

The expose, just before the election, of the overwhelming sympathy of President Cleve-land towards the Mormons who have been convicted of polygamy, while it attracted a great deal of attention at the time it was made, in a measure soon died out of the pub lie mind, owing to the important political events which followed so quickly. Atten-tion to the subject is again attracted by the president's course in extending executive clemency towards those violators of the law.

Last week a Mormon bishop and severalof his flock, who had been sentenced to impris onment for unlawful combitation, were pardoned, and yesterday the presi-dent followed this up by turn-ing loose upon the unsuspecting female immigrants, those glorious old saints of the Mormon church—Richardson, Green, Byington, Servius, and Weeks—who had been in the Sioux Falls, Dak., penitentary for the same offenses. They had served a little less than one third of their sentences, and now go forth free men to prey upon the community once more. These pardons would

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community once more. These pardons would
in a measure be warranted were it not for
the fact that in every instance the convicts
could have prevented the execution of sentence if they had simply promised to oney
the law in the future, but this they declined
to do. A MAJORITY OF AT LEAST THREE The action of the courts in giving the certificate of election in the Chattanooga district to the republican candidate gives the republicans a majority of three in the house, even if the two disputed West Virginia districts are given to the democrats, which they will not be. Perry S. Heath.

THE CAPITAL BUILDING. Much Surprise at the Beautiful Ap-

pearance It Presents. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—[Special to The Brg.]—New Year's Day is as lovely as the days of October. The sun shines bright and clear, and the temperature is that of the late fall. At 10 o'clock this morning the members of the legislature and the people began to find their way to the capitol, and at 11 the whole building was thronged in all its hallways and rooms.

Much surprise was manifested at the really beautiful appearance of the building within. The workmen are still busy about the central part of the building, but the walls of the same are complete in their decoration, and it presents a really creditable appearance.

The exterior of the capitol building, however, does not impress one favorably. Much of the work, especially on the wings, is vis-ibly imperfect. The architecture of the building is very faulty judged. It does not for one moment compare with that of the capitol buildings at Denver and Cheyenne.
Wyoming is erecting a structure
which is artistically perfect, if one may judge
of the effect of the whole from the appearance of the central portion, which is nearly completed. The dome, unlike that of the capitol building here, is well proportioned, and is beautiful from unity and harmony of design. The dome of the Nebraska building is simply hideous—a square base surmounted by an octagonal dome, and this by a circular steeple. But apart from this appearance of the exterior, the capitol building is a credit-able one. It should have been much better if it is intended for a permanent one; but within it will accommodate the various officers and employes of the state. The rooms are all large and arry, and those in the central portion of the building are very artistically finished, the wood-work in oak and the walls in colors.

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The grounds present a creditable appearance, and began to show the place on which they are laid out. The drives and walks are all down, and goodly spaces are left for trees, shrubs and flowers, and the trees have already attained to goodly

proportions.

The outlook from the capitol has greatly improved since I was here last. The city has extended south of the capitol, out over what was then fields and country roads. The street front north of the capitol is beautifully building up, two churches at the northwest-ern corner being conspicuously fine. The Christian church, now approaching completion, is a very large square structure, con-structed of Milwaukee brick on a grand and

beautiful scale.

Lincoln has become a very beautiful city, and may justly take pride in the capitol building and grounds, and in the way in which the city is building up in this vicinity. A FARGO SCANDAL

An Ex-Governor's Daughter and Prominent Physician Involved. Fango, Dak., Jan. 1.- Special Telegram o THE BEE, |-Dr. and Mrs. Holmes arrived here two months ago and immediately secured entry to the best society. All went well until a suspicious inquiry came from Minneapolis, which led the proprietor of the hotel at which they were stopping to request the doctor to produce his marriage certificate. This he refused to do, and the couple took the next train south. It has been dis-covered that the doctor's name is not Holmes, and that the lady with him is not what she seemed to be, but is another man's wife, and that the doctor was heavily in debt n Minneapolis. It was also learned that the lady is the wife of a prominent dentist in Tennessee, and the daughter of a former governor of Delaware; that the doctor is a noted southern physician, and that he be-came infatuated with her while treating her professionally. Where they have gone is not known and the detectives refuse to give up

their names. Decided Against the Railroad, JAMESTOWN, Dak., Jan. 1.-Judge Ross has lelivered his opinion on the celebrated Northern Pacific tax case here. The particplar cases on which the decision is made are the suits of the railway company against the treasurers of Foster and Lamoure counties in Dakota, for a perpetual injunction against the sale of railroad lands for the taxes of 1887. The cases also decide about thirty other suits of the same character brought by the Northern Pacific company restraining the sale of their lands in both the imdemnit pelt and original land grant case along the road in Dakota. The amount involved is upwards of half a million dollars. The de-cision is against the railroad company and in favor of the counties. However, it gives the plaintiff ten days to amend the complaints, out it is probable that the case will go to the supreme court on the pleadings as they stand. The counties claim the right to tax the land in addition to the pro-rata they re-

Message From the Pope. Duman, Jan. 1 .- Archbishop Walsh read from the pulpit to day a message from the pope to the Irish people, in which his holiess says: "We have always held in special affection the Catholies of ireland, who have been sorely tried by many afflictions, and have ever cherished a love which is the more intense because of their marvelous fortitude and their herediattachment to their In the counsels we have given from time to time, and in our recent decree, we were moved not only by considerations of what is conformable to both, but also by a desire to advance your interests. Our affections for you does not suffer us to allow the cause for which Ireland is struggling to be awakened

cive under the gross earnings law of the

territory.

fairly be brought in reprouch against it. In order to specially manifest our affections, we send you a number of gifts which are spec-Quarreled Over Their War Records. MILWAUKEE, Jan. 1 .- Louis Schmidt, aged sixty live, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, stabbed a fellow veteran, named W. F. Ruder, with fatal effect this afternoon, causing instant death. The two men had quarreled in a discussion over their respective war records, while drinking in a saloon, and almost came to blows there. Schmidt pro-cured a knife and waited for Ruder on the road leading to the home and plunged it into his stomach. The murderer thon proceeded

by the introduction of anything which could

to the home and gave himself up, Killed on Her Way to Church. Wacousta, Mich., Jan. 1 .- Mrs. Bennett, of this place, was thrown from a road-cart on her way to church, and killed

His Condition Unchanged, Mason City, Ia., Jan. 1.- [Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |-Dr. W. Frank Paxton, who was recently stricken in the pulpit with paralysis of the brain, will be tuken to Chicago to-morrow for expert medical ment. His condition is unchanged.

CRAZED BY BUSINESS WORRY.

A Prominent Plattsmouth Speculator Loses His Mind.

FEARFUL FALL OF A BRIDGEMAN

Down Fifty-two Feet Onto Solid Ice-New Year's Base Ball Game at O'Neill-Other State News.

Insane From Business Troubles. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 1. - | Special Tels . egram to The Bre. |-W. J. Agnew, a promient speculator of this city, who is well known along the line of the B. & M., having filled the capacity of conductor for some time, has become a raving manuac at times . within the last few days. Last night about six of his friends volunteered to watch him during the night, but he succeeded in driving the whole force from the house by violence and threatening to kill any one who would return. He was examined to day by Dr. Schildknecht and the commissioners. He will be removed to the asylum at Lincoln tomorrow morning. The case is a sad one, as ne has a wife and family. The cause of his insanity can be attributed to nothing but business troubles, as he has always lived happily with his family previous to this.

New Year's at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 1.—[Special to TRE BEE.]—This afternoon the formality of New Year's receiving was indulged in by the following ladies: Mrs. H. Fuhrman, assisted by Mrs. C. M. Williams, Mrs. Ross L. Hammond, Mrs. Gus Huette, Mrs. Ray Nye, Miss Katie End and Miss Ada Shephard, of Ar-lington; Mrs. H. H. Pratt and Mrs. A. J. Eddy, at the home of the former, assisted by the Misses Nannie Turner, Mable Shervin, Lou Torpin, Jennie Abbott and Lizzie Thomas; Miss Katie Lee, assisted by the Misses Jessie Himman and Eva Lee; Mrs. L. M. Keene, assisted by Mrs. C. D. Marr, Mrs. George Schragh, Mrs. August Dippel, Mrs. W. H. Fowler, and the Misses Monroe, McCracken and Willoughby; Mrs. E. T. Horn, assisted by Mrs. L. W. Reynolds, Mrs. C. S. Sherwin and Mrs. T. C. Hoops. The day's festivities wound up with the presentation of "A Scrap of Paper," at the Love, by the Omnha Dramatic company, which came up this evening from Omnha on a special train, accompanied by a delegation of their friends. The company gave a splendid rendition, and were greeted with many of Fremont's best

Rollday Editions.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 1 .- | Special to THE BEE. |-The two daily papers of this city, the Herald and Tribune, each issued noliday editions to-day, containing a review of the past year's growth and business in Fremont, and were profusely illustrated. The Tribune's edition was particularly handsome, being the most elaborate, by far, ever printed in the city. Its resume of the old year is a splendid showing for Fremont, and one of which showing for Fremont, and one of which every citizen is justly proud. The amount of public and private improvements given is \$508,000; the amount of jobbing \$5,316,000. Among the new manufacturing industries acquired are a canning factory, hemp and twine factory and a fence factory. The most important public improvement inaugurated was the paving, which has been done with granite. One district has been completed, and two more are contracted for, to be done in the spring. Free postal delivery was inaugurated early in the summer. The business of the postofiles for the year will be between \$16,000 and \$17,000. Fremont enters tween \$16,000 and \$17,000. Fremont enters the new year renewing her claim of being the third city in Nebraska, and proudly pointing to the records for proof.

Bassett News.

BASSETT, Neb., Jan. 1 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Last night the major part of the inhabitants of Rock county assembled at Bascett to partake of a bounteous supper prepared by the ladies of Bassett. After supper he doors of the two commodious halls were thrown open and were crowded with merry dancers. The people seem to say that Bassett is the proper place for the seat of Rock

county.

An agricultural society has been organized and the first fair held, which was very satisfactory, and there was an exceedingly good showing of vegetables, grains, stock, fancy work, etc. The situation of Bassett, in the midst of as good an agricultural county as there is in Nebraska, will insure for it a good agricultural society and a good fair

next fall. Arrested on Suspicion.

Benkelman, Neb., Jan. 1.- Special Telegram to The Bee. |-Two men answering to the names of James Witson and Frank Lowe, were arrested here this morning on suspicion of being the parties who robbed the store of Baines & Son, of Smith Center, Kan., on last Saturday night, of about \$1,000 worth of goods, consisting of clothing and handkerchiefs. Word was received here of the robbery and a description of the stolen goods, which tally identically with their wearing apparel and the handkerchiefs they were trying to sell on the streets. There is but

little doubt that they are the parties, Mistook Gasoline for Water. TECUMSER, Neb., Jan. 1 .- [Special to THE Ber. |- Mrs. A. J. Wright met with an accident Sunday which nearly resulted fatally. Some one had been using gasoline in a cup and temporarily placed it near the water pail. Mrs. Wright thought it was water and was going to use it about the stoye when it took fire, badly burning her face and right arm. Alrs. Wright will probably re-

cover but the burn will leave its scars. Legislators Pay Their Fare. Continues, Neb., Jan. 1.- |Special to the Tue Brg. |- Senator Maher and Representative Swartsley left for Lincoln yesterday by the B. & M. They stepped up to the ticket window like men and paid cash for their fare. The people of Platte county have good reasons for believing that these two men go

pledged to work for the best interests of their constituents. Plattsmouth P cople Pleased. PLATISMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 1 .- | Special to THE BEE. |- The B. & M. officials have made an announcement that they will run an extra from Platismouth to Omaha in the future, to leave here every moraing at 9:30. This will be a great accommodation to Plattsmouth people, as the latest train going to Omaha from here leaves at 6:40 a m.

Columbus, Nev., Jan. 1.- [Special Telegram to Tite Bes. |-- John Cox, a young man working on the new iron bridge across the Loup river at this place, fell from the top of he bridge to the river below, a distance of fifty-two feet, striking his head on the ice, fracturing his skull and bruising his body. His injuries are considered fatal. Mr. Cox came from Des Moines. Ia., about a year ago. His relatives have been telegraphed for.

Switchman Badly Injured. PLATISMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 1 .-- [Special to THE BEE.]-J. E. Shrieve, a switchman, brother of Yardmaster Shrieve, had his right hand and arm badly smashed yester-

while attempting to couple an engine to a box car.

Installation of Officers. BENKLEMAN, Nob., Jan. 1 .- [Special Telecram to THE BEE. |- The Kuights of Pythias of this place gave a public installation of off ters this evening and a grand ball and supper. All was in tip top shape and one of the finest demonstrations of the season.